

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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A pneumatic tire includes a tread portion, a pair of sidewall portions, a pair of bead portions, a carcass extending between the bead portions, a breaker disposed radially outside the carcass, and a band disposed radially outside the breaker and composed of a full width ply extending across the substantially overall width of the breaker and a pair of axially spaced edge plies. In the ground contacting face of the tire under a normally inflated load condition, the face has axially outermost edges between which the ground contacting width TW is defined, the circumferential length Ls of the ground contacting face at an axial position 10% of TW axially inwards of each of the axially outermost edges is in a range of from 75 to 85% of the circumferential length Lc of the ground contacting face at the center of the ground contacting width.